

Application No: 10/518,698
Amendment A
Reply to Office Action Dated 12/28/2007

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REMARKS

Claims 7-9 and 11 are now pending in the application. Claim 7 has been amended.

Specification

The disclosure has been objected to because paragraph [00013] makes reference to claims.

Appropriate correction has been made.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 7-9 and 11 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling. More specifically, the Examiner has stated that the non-polar outer surface of the particles is critical or essential to the practice of the invention, but not included in the claim(s).

Applicants believe that the non-polar outer surface of the particle is implied from the fact that the particle is coated with a first coating of polar material and a second coating of a surfactant monolayer. As explained in paragraph [0019] of the specification, surfactants combine polar and non-polar groups in one molecule. The polar groups of the surfactant molecules arrange out of physical reasons in such a way on the first coating of the particles that all polar groups are directed to the interior of the particles while all non-polar groups are directed outward. As a result, the outer surface of the surfactant coated particle is non-polar. Nevertheless, claim 7 has been amended specifically recite that a uniformly non-polar outer surface of the particle is formed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any

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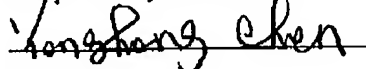
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overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0951.

Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. Should further issues remain prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

Date: March 5, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



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